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IDAHO AWARDED \$75,000 GRANT TO HELP LOW-INCOME STUDENTS TAKE EXAMS

BOISE – The U.S. Department of Education has awarded Idaho \$75,552 as part of its efforts to boost college-and career readiness for historically underserved students. The grant will help defray the costs of taking advanced placement tests for low-income students.

“This is an opportunity for students throughout Idaho to excel. This grant, along with Advanced Opportunities programs, such as Fast Forward, offered through the Idaho Department of Education, give students the opportunity to earn college credits in high school,” said Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna. “It’s a chance for students to excel without the worry of a financial burden.”

The grants are used to help pay for low-income students taking approved advanced placement tests administered by the College Board, the International Baccalaureate Organization and Cambridge International Examinations. By subsidizing test fees for low-income students, the program is intended to encourage students to take advanced placement tests and obtain college credit for high school courses, reducing the time and cost required to complete a postsecondary degree.

Based on the anticipated number of tests to be taken, the grants under the Advanced Placement Test Fee Program are expected to pay all but \$18 of the cost of each advanced placement test taken by low-income students.

The Advanced Placement Test Fee program is administered by the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education. For additional information on the program visit: www2.ed.gov/programs/apfee/index.

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